

PIKES PEAK TIMBER-LAND RESERVE.

JUNE 17, 1898.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

Mr. SHAFROTH, from the Committee on the Public Lands, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 4750.]

The Committee on the Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 4750) entitled "An act granting right of way through the Pikes Peak Timber Land Reserve and the public lands to the Cripple Creek District Railway Company," recommend the passage of the same.

It has been the policy of Congress to grant rights of way through forest reservations whenever the demands of commerce seemed to require the construction of a railroad through the same.

Colorado Springs is a city of about 30,000 population. Cripple Creek has a population of between 12,000 and 15,000. The Pikes Peak timber reserve lies between the cities, and hence the short route is through the same.

The Cripple Creek District Railway Company has already constructed part of its line and is anxious to extend it through the reserve. This reserve is located in the mountainous district of Colorado covering Pikes Peak, and does not contain large timber.

The Interior Department has recommended the passage of this bill in the letters which are appended hereto.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, June 16, 1898.

SIR: Referring to your letter of the 11th instant, inclosing Senate bill No. 4750, granting right of way through the Pikes Peak Timber Land Reserve and the public lands to the Cripple Creek District Railway Company, and requesting that I inform the Committee on Public Lands of the Senate, through you, whether there is any objection to the passage of the bill, I have the honor to inclose herewith a copy of a report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, of even date herewith, upon said bill. The Commissioner finds no objection to the bill and recommends favorable action thereon. I concur in the Commissioner's recommendation.

Very respectfully,

C. N. BLISS, *Secretary.*

HON. HENRY M. TELLER,
United States Senate.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
GENERAL LAND OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., June 16, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter of Hon. H. M. Teller, United States Senate, inclosing copy of a bill (S. 4750), with a request that he be informed if there is any objection to the passage of the bill, the same having been referred to this office by the honorable First Assistant Secretary for early report in duplicate.

The bill is entitled "A bill granting right of way through the Pike's Peak Timber Land Reserve and the public lands to the Cripple Creek District Railway Company," and provides for right of way for said railroad for its main line and branches through the said reserve and the public lands, in accordance with the terms of the general railroad right of way act of March 3, 1875 (18 Stat., 482).

Upon examination I find no objection to the bill, and recommend that a favorable report be made thereon.

A duplicate of this report, with the papers, is herewith inclosed.

Very respectfully,

BINGER HERMANN, *Commissioner.*

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

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